

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



**OFFICIAL WARNING**  
**VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

**CASE NUMBER:**  
MO10115-AC

**VIOLATOR:**  
Larry E. Johnson  
DBA: Safari Enterprises

**ADDRESS** (*Street, City, State, ZIP Code*):  
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The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

**Date of Violation: June 1, 2010**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.137(c)** Primary enclosures used to transport live animals. Primary enclosures used to transport live animals shall be large enough to ensure that each animal contained therein has sufficient space to turn about freely and to make normal postural adjustments: Provided, however, That certain species may be restricted in their movements according to professionally acceptable standards when such freedom of movement would constitute a danger to the animals, their handlers, or other persons.

Larry Johnson transported an adult giraffe in an enclosure which was not high enough to allow the giraffe to stand fully erect and to turn about freely.

**Date of Violation: June 2, 2010**

**9 C.F.R. § 2.131(b)(1)** Handling of Animals. Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

Larry Johnson failed to handle a giraffe during an unloading process as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner not causing trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort. As a result, the giraffe suffered a subluxation of the neck vertebrae and spinal cord damage and had to be euthanized.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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